IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A management apparatus for managing a communication device, comprising:

an identifying table storing unit operable to store an identifying table ~~having~~that is customizable to include a plurality of sets, each of said plurality of sets including customizable parameters including ~~a combination of~~ an identifying condition and a corresponding check method, said identifying condition for determining a type of an identified communication device satisfying said identifying condition, and said check method for determining a function of said identified communication device;

an identifying unit coupled to said identifying table storing unit, such that said identifying unit accesses said identifying table to determine which identifying condition is satisfied by said communication device based on predetermined priorities of each of said plurality of sets;

a communication unit coupled to said identifying unit, said communication unit for communicating with said communication device;

a check unit coupled to an output of said identifying unit such that said check unit receives from said identifying unit said check method;

an input unit coupled to said identifying unit and operable for a user of said management apparatus to input said plurality of sets and said customizable parameters ~~to be registered in said identifying table~~;

a registration unit coupled to said input unit and said identifying table storage unit, and operable to customize~~register said plurality of sets in~~ said identifying table to include said plurality of sets and said customizable parameters; and

a priority setting unit coupled to said identifying table storing unit and said registration unit, and operable to ~~set~~reorder said priorities for each of said plurality of sets based on said identifying conditions of said plurality of sets.

2. (Previously Presented) A management apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

a check table storing unit coupled to said check unit and operable to store a check table accessible to said check unit for a type of communication device, said check table having a check condition;

wherein said check table is specified by said check method stored in said identifying table storing unit;

wherein if said identified communication device satisfies said check condition of said check table, said check unit determines that said identified communication device has said function.

3. (Previously Presented) A management apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

a default check table storing unit coupled to said check unit and operable to store a default check table having a first check condition for determining a function of said communication device, said first check condition having a first specified function; and

a check table storing unit coupled to said check unit and operable to store a check table for a type of communication device, wherein said check table is specified by said check method;

wherein said check table has a second check condition for determining said function of said identified communication device, said second check condition having a second specified function;

wherein said check unit determines that, in a case where said communication device satisfies said first check condition of said default check table, said communication device has said first specified function; and

wherein said check unit determines that, in a case where said identified communication device satisfies said second check condition of said check table, said identified communication device has said second specified function.

4. (Previously Presented) A management apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein:

said identifying table storing unit stores a monitoring method for monitoring a status of said identified communication device, said monitoring method corresponding to said identifying condition; and

said management apparatus further comprises a monitoring unit coupled to said identifying unit such that said monitoring unit receives from said identifying unit said monitoring method.

5. (Previously Presented) A management apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a specifying unit operable to make a user of said management apparatus specify an address of said communication device, the output of said specifying unit being coupled to said identifying unit and said check unit such that said identifying unit and said check unit determine said type and said function of said communication device, respectively.

6. (Previously Presented) A management apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

a communication device displaying controller coupled to a display and said identifying unit, and operable to display said communication device on said display with an image corresponding to said type determined by said identifying unit; and

a function displaying controller coupled to a display and said check unit, and operable to show said function of said communication device determined by said check unit, in a case where a user of said management apparatus made a predetermined operation with respect to said image.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Previously Presented) A management apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein, in a case where a first identifying condition is included in a second identifying condition, said priority setting unit sets said priorities such that a set corresponding to said first identifying condition has a higher priority than a set corresponding to said second identifying condition.

10. (Previously Presented) A management apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said management apparatus manages a plurality of communication devices, and in a case where fewer of said plurality of communication devices satisfy a first identifying condition than a second identifying condition, said priority setting unit sets said priorities such that a set corresponding to

said first identifying condition has a higher priority than a set corresponding to said second identifying condition.

11. (Currently Amended) A management apparatus for managing a communication device, comprising:

an identifying table storing unit operable to store an identifying table ~~having~~that is customizable to include a plurality of sets, each of said plurality of sets including customizable parameters including ~~a combination of~~ an identifying condition and a corresponding monitoring method, said identifying condition for determining a type of an identified communication device satisfying said identifying condition, said monitoring method for monitoring a status of said identified communication device;

an identifying unit coupled to said identifying table storing unit, such that said identifying unit accesses said identifying table to determine which identifying condition is satisfied by said communication device based on predetermined priorities of each of said plurality of sets;

a communication unit coupled to said identifying unit, said communication unit for communicating with said communication device;

a monitoring unit coupled to said identifying unit such that said monitoring unit receives from said identifying unit said monitoring method;

an input unit coupled to said identifying unit and operable for a user of said management apparatus to input said plurality of sets and said customizable parameters ~~to be registered in said identifying table~~;

a registration unit coupled to said input unit and said identifying table storage unit, and operable to customize~~register said plurality of sets in~~ said identifying table to include said plurality of sets and said customizable parameters; and

a priority setting unit coupled to said identifying table storing unit and said registration unit, and operable to ~~set~~reorder said priorities for each of said plurality of sets based on said identifying conditions of said plurality of sets.

12. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium which stores therein a program for use with a management apparatus for managing a communication device, said program comprising:

an identifying table storing unit operable to store an identifying table ~~having~~that is customizable to include a plurality of sets, each of said plurality of sets including customizable parameters including ~~a combination of~~ an identifying condition and a corresponding check method, said identifying condition for determining a type of an identified communication device satisfying said identifying condition, and said check method for determining a function of said identified communication device;

an identifying unit operable to determine which identifying condition is satisfied by said communication device based on predetermined priorities of each of said plurality of sets;

a check unit operable to determine said function of said identified communication device.;

an input unit coupled to said identifying unit and operable for a user of said management apparatus to input said plurality of sets and said customizable parameters ~~to be registered in said identifying table~~;

a registration unit coupled to said input unit and said identifying table storage unit, and operable to customize~~register said plurality of sets in~~ said identifying table to include said plurality of sets and said customizable parameters; and

a priority setting unit coupled to said identifying table storing unit and said registration unit, and operable to ~~set~~reorder said priorities for each of said plurality of sets based on said identifying conditions of said plurality of sets.

13. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium which stores therein a program for use with a management apparatus for managing a communication device, said program comprising:

an identifying table storing unit operable to store an identifying table ~~having~~that is customizable to include a plurality of sets, each of said plurality of sets including customizable parameters including ~~a combination of~~ an identifying condition and a corresponding monitoring method, said identifying condition for determining a type of an identified communication device satisfying said identifying condition, and said monitoring method for monitoring a status of said identified communication device;

an identifying unit operable to determine which identifying condition is satisfied by said communication device based on predetermined priorities of each of said plurality of sets;

a monitoring unit operable to monitor said status of said identified communication device.;

an input unit coupled to said identifying unit and operable for a user of said management apparatus to input said plurality of sets and said customizable parameters ~~to be registered in said identifying table~~;

a registration unit coupled to said input unit and said identifying table storage unit, and operable to customize~~register said plurality of sets in~~ said identifying table to include said plurality of sets and said customizable parameters; and

a priority setting unit coupled to said identifying table storing unit and said registration unit, and operable to ~~set~~reorder said priorities for each of said plurality of sets based on said identifying conditions of said plurality of sets.